

Governance Recommendation

Council Name submitting the recommendation: Student Council

Date: October 8th, 2019

Recommendation Issue or Concern: (*Provide background reasoning or justification for recommendation*)

The Student Council is comprised of twelve (12) seats; 2 from each campus and 1 from each campus' Student Senate. A minimum of seven (7) members, excluding the Chair, must be present to be able to hold a vote. A minimum of six (6) members, excluding the Chair, must be present to officially hold a meeting. In the past two years, seats from the Workforce Development & Continuing Education (WD&CE) campus have gone unfilled leaving the council with no more than nine (9) members. With a recent resignation from the Takoma Park campus we are down to only eight (8) members. It is imperative that a change in our current membership rules be approved so the Student Council will continue to conduct required business.

An amendment was proposed to add a seat to the Rockville, Takoma Park, and Germantown campuses, reduce the number of seats for WD&CE from three to one, and to allow the seat awarded to each Student Senate to be filled by a "Student Senate Representative."

The proposed amendment resolves the ongoing lack of membership that is hindering Student Council business. WD&CE students usually go on a semester-by-semester basis and none have expressed interest in filling the positions for the last two years. By changing the current membership of the campus Senate position to include a "senate representative" rather than just the President, the Student Council can ensure consistent attendance at all council meetings. The amendment also supplies a greater representation of students at the three main campuses providing for more student voice and involvement.

Student Council approved this amendment proposal by unanimous vote of all filled membership on September 5th, 2019. Submitted by Caleb Schauer, Student Council Chair, on September 9th, 2019 for the College Council meeting on September 24th, 2019.

Resolution:

Original Membership:

- a. Two (2) students from the Germantown Campus and the GT Student Senate President
- b. Two (2) students from the Rockville Campus and the RV Student Senate President
- c. Two (2) students from the TPSS Campus and the TPSS Student Senate President
- d. Up to three (3) students from Workforce Development & Continuing Education.

<u>Proposed Modification Membership:</u>

- a. Three (3) students from the Germantown Campus and a student representative from the Germantown Student Senate.
- b. Three (3) students from the Rockville Campus and a student representative from the Rockville Student Senate.
- c. Three (3) students from the TPSS Campus and a student representative from the TPSS

| Student Senate. d. One (1) student from Workforce Development & Continuing Education. (WD&CE) |
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| Student Impact: (Explain the impact of this recommendation on MC students.) |
| The amendment provides greater student voice and involvement in the Student Council. |
| Economic Impact: (Explain cost factor or any economic impact of this recommendation, if known.) |
| None |
| Final Disposition/Recommendation: (Complete once decision is made by College Council) |